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しんたにかおる 昭和26年、大阪府生まれ。

昭和47年、リズ・ミルロイはおいやのモデル。

その後、松本零士氏のアシスタントを経て、昭和53年、少年サンデーで「ファンタム黒猫」のり、止村隆一を連載し、大ヒットとなる。

昭和60年、「エリザ88」ふたり鷹で第30回小学館漫画賞受賞。

代表作は「ファンタム黒猫」「エリザ88」「砂の薔薇」「シャドー・リポート」「あつこく、C.P.U.」なども数。

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テロリストの心や感情を描写し、最愛の妻と子供を失った
自らも胸に薔薇の形の傷跡を刻まれた女、真理子・ローマ
バンク。通称“薔薇のマリー”と呼ばれる彼女は、テロリストを
憎み、テロリストの撲滅のため、猛烈な訓練を受け、対テロ専
門の陸自集団「G・A・T」の女性指揮官となった。鮮やか
に、そして時にはエレガントに憎むべきテロリストを倒すため、
マリーの真紅の薔薇が世を渡る。

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File 1: BURST CITY





ALL THE
ROADS AROUND
CENTRE
BUILDING
ARE SHUT
DOWN RIGHT
NOW.

THE
PLOT'S TRA-
TIONS ARE
NOT YET...

WHEN
DID THIS
START?



GRYPHON...

NOT GURE.
I JUST TUNED
IN MYSELF.

BUT...
THIS COULD
BE LINKED TO
GRYPHON...



HE WOULD
NEVER BE
THIS LONG
ABOUT IT.

THESE
GUYS ARE
THIRD-
RATE
TERROR
-ISTS.

UNFORTUNATELY,
IT DIDN'T SEEM
TO BE GROUNDED.

IN THE COURSE
OF PARTY
ORGANIZING,

THE
PERPETRATORS
TOOK THE GUESTS
HOSTAGE AND
THEY BEGAN
ISSUING
DEMANDS.

CRUELER
AND MORE
BARBARIC...

SOMETHING
THAT WOULD
HUNT THE
SADVIKES
LIKE A PINK
SAMPOW FOR
AS LONG AS
THEY LIVED.

HE WOULD
HAVE A MUCH
MORE SUBTLE
AND BETTER
THOUGHT-OUT
PLAN...

I
NOTED.

TWO
HOURS
HAD
ELAPSED
SINCE THE
INCIDENT
BEGAN...

THAT BUILDING
HAS CERTAINLY
CAST A SHADOW
ON MY LIFE-
STYLE.

MY APART-
MENT GOT
SUCH GOOD
SUNLIGHT.





BOTH THE
MAYOR AND
THE CASE OF
POLICE ARE
HOSTAGES...

IT'LL
WORK
OUT.

THE POLICE AREN'T
SPOTS... THE MAYORAL
ELECTION IS COMING,
SO THE MAYOR WILL
TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.

...IT SEEMS
LIVING
VIRTUOUSLY
HAS PAID OFF.



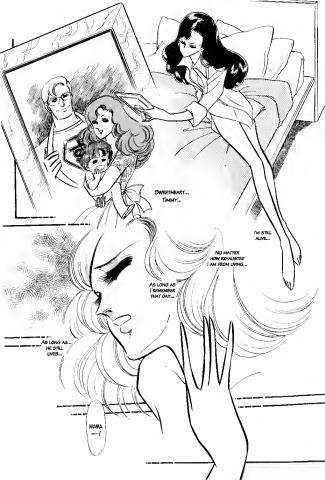
THE POLICE
AND STATE
TROOPERS
ARE COOP-
ERATING TO...



TOWNS
FOR
LETTING
ME KNOW.

WE'LL
TALK
LATER
...

OKAY,
BYE
...



SWEETHEART...
TIMMY...

I'M STILL
ALIVE...

NO MATTER
HOW SOLEMNATED
I AM FROM LIVING...

AS LONG AS
I REMEMBER
THAT DAY...

AS LONG AS
HE STILL
LIVED...

WAAA
—!







I'M CARRYING SO MANY PACKAGES.

TIMMY, DON'T FALL SO HARD.

AA
AA
AA

ATTENTION
PLEASE.
ONE-THIRTY
FLIGHT BOARD
FOR WAY OF
HONOLULU...



COON
HE'LL BE IN
LONDON...

THAT'S
RIGHT

THAT'S
FAPA'S
AIRPLANE.



THIS
WAY, THIS
WAY

BUT...
WE WON'T
KNOW WHICH
ONE IS
GOING TO
LONDON.



WE MIGHT BE
ABLE TO SEE US
AIRPLANE FROM
OVER THERE.

COME
DEL
MARA.





KYAAA!

TIMMY!!!

~~~~~

~~~~~

~~~~~



THE  
MILITARY  
UNIT IS NOT  
AVAILABLE  
FOR REASONS  
I AM NOT AT  
LIBERTY TO  
SPECULATE  
ABOUT NOW...

AND THE  
SITUATION  
IS BEYOND  
WHAT THE  
SWAT  
TEAM CAN  
HANDLE

I IMAGINE  
THE CITY  
POLICE  
HAVE A  
SWAT  
TEAM...

AND ANYWAY,  
SURELY THE  
MILITARY  
HAS ITS OWN  
COUNTER-  
TERRORISM  
UNIT  
BESIDES US.

THERE ARE OTHER  
SUITABLE TEAMS  
THAT COULD HANDLE  
IT, BUT GIVEN THAT  
THERE ARE CIVILIAN  
HOSTAGES, OUR DATA  
SAYS THAT CAT IS  
THE BEST CHOICE  
FOR THE JOB.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,  
SIR, IF THE GOAL IS TO  
RESCUE THE HOSTAGES,  
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF  
PAYING THE RANSOM...

IT'S ONLY  
BEEN TWO  
DAYS SINCE  
WE GOT BACK  
FROM THE  
PATANGORA  
OPERATION

WE REALLY  
SHOULD HAVE  
AT LEAST  
TWO WEEKS  
REST AFTER  
AN OVERSIC  
MANAGEMENT

THIS  
MUST BE  
ABOUT THE  
TERRORISM  
INCIDENT  
AT  
TRIANGLE  
TOWER

THAT'S  
RIGHT...  
WE GOT AN  
OFFICIAL  
REQUEST



YOU HAVE  
HIGH-POWER  
BINOCULARS  
HANDY, I  
BELIEVE.

IT HAS  
GONE  
BEYOND  
THAT...



GAIN  
POINT  
SLIGHTLY  
FROM THE  
TOP.

I THINK YOU  
CAN SEE THE  
NORTH FACE  
OF THE  
BUILDING  
FROM YOUR  
APPOINTMENT.

GOOD...  
WITH 7x  
TO 12x  
ZOOM.



CAN  
YOU  
SEE  
IT?

YES...  
SOMETHING  
IS HANGING  
FROM. I'M  
ADJUSTING  
THE ZOOM.



WHA...  
!!

THE ONE  
WHO JUST  
DIED THERE  
WAS THE  
MURDERER'S  
SECRETARY.

A MURDER...  
AND SOMETHING  
LIKE PAINT ON  
EITHER SIDE.



SO, IS  
FOR WHAT  
APPEARS TO  
BE FINAL...

THE ONE ON THE  
RIGHT WAS THE  
INJURED, ON THE  
LEFT WAS THE  
CHIEF OF POLICE...  
THE ONE YOU SAW  
WAS THE THIRD.

THEY'RE  
ATTACHING  
EXPLOSIVES  
TO THE HOUS-  
INGS AND  
DETONATING  
THEM!

THEY  
SAY THE  
CHILDREN  
ARE UP  
NEXT.

CHILDREN?

DON'T  
TALK  
ME...  
THE  
PERFE-  
CTORS  
ARE  
FROM  
THAT  
UNIT

IN THAT CASE...  
IT'S HIGH TIME  
YOU CALLED IN  
THE MILITARY.  
WHAT REASON  
IS THERE... TO  
HESITATE...

BOTH THINGS  
THEY WERE  
PROVEN BACK.  
THE PERFECTO-  
RERS ARE GONE  
WELL ALREADY.

THE CITY'S  
SWAT TEAM  
HAS TRIED TO  
STORM THE  
BUILDING  
THICE.

PLEASE...  
MADE  
NO NEED A  
SPECIALIST.

THE  
PERPETRATORS  
SAID THEY WILL  
KILL ALL THE  
HOSTAGES IN  
FIVE HOURS.

THE OFFICIAL  
REQUEST  
CAME RIGHT  
FROM THE  
PENTAGON.

.....



THE FIRST  
PRIORITY FOR  
HOSTAGE  
RESCUE WILL  
BE THE  
WOMEN AND  
CHILDREN...

I HOPE YOU  
UNDERSTAND.

FOR THE  
DURATION  
OF THE OPE-  
RATION, I WILL  
ASSUME FULL  
COMMAND.

AND

FINE  
...  
I'LL  
CALL THE  
OTHERS.



I CANNOT  
GUARANTEE  
THE SURVIVAL  
OF THE  
PERPETRATORS...

AND  
ONE  
OTHER  
THING





THE HOSTAGES ARE  
ALL BEING HELD IN  
PARTISAN HALL,  
ON FLOOR 72.

THERE ARE  
ABOUT SIXTY  
MEN AND WOMEN  
IN TOTAL.

AMONG THEM  
ARE SIXTEEN  
CHILDREN.

JUST  
LIKE  
COCK-  
ROACH  
-EE.

THEY APPEAR  
TO BE DEPLOYED  
THROUGHOUT THE  
UPPER FIFTEEN  
FLOORS OF THE  
EIGHTY-STOREY  
BUILDING.

THERE  
ARE ABOUT  
SIXTY TER-  
ROISTS BUT  
THE EXACT  
COUNT IS UN-  
KNOWN...

SIXTY...  
THAT'S  
A SMALL  
NUMBER  
FOR A  
PARTY  
LIKE THIS.

THEY  
ONLY KEPT  
CELEBRITIES  
AND OTHERS  
INVOLVED  
IN THE  
PROJECT.

THEY  
PROVE OUT  
THE OTHER  
THINGS  
TO FIFTEEN  
HUNDRED  
PEOPLE.













BECAUSE  
NO ONE...  
WILL BE  
SAVED...



A  
ROSE  
IS







AT THE  
SEVENTH  
FLOOR WE  
HAVE THIRTY  
MINUTES TO  
FORCE THEM  
TO SURREN-  
DER.



U-UNDER-  
STOOD!!

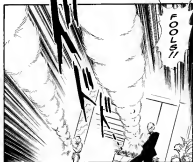


JESSICA!!  
WE CAN'T  
WAIT TWO  
HOURS.



BE  
READY IN ONE  
HOUR  
!!









WHAT  
IS  
IT!!

AN ELE-  
VATOR  
LOADED  
WITH  
EXPLO-  
SIVES IS  
COMING  
UP!















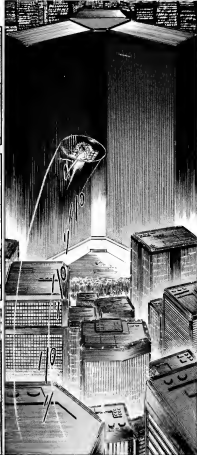




SIGNAL  
SIGHTED !!  
TARGET  
ACQUIRED !!

HA!

DEILAH!! LUN!!  
IF YOU DON'T  
WANT TO GET  
HIT, GET OUT  
OF THE WAY!!







BUT THAT  
SURE WAS  
SOME NICE  
SHOOTING.

SHE'S SO  
FLAMBOYANT  
I'M NOT  
SURE I CAN  
STING IT.







70000000!!







HUH  
!!

THINK GOOD-  
NESS IT WAS A GIRL.  
I MIGHT NOT HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO HOLD  
ON TO A BOY.











IT'S VERY  
EASY TO  
USE.  
ANYONE  
CAN DO IT.



DO ME  
PUT THIS  
ON...  
LIKE  
THIS...



LET'S BE CAREFUL  
MR. CEO!

FLY  
DOWN,  
PLEASE.



There  
Look  
Mr.  
CEO!

COME  
OVER  
HERE  
TO THE  
WINDOW.



WHAT  
ON  
EARTH?



A  
AH HHH















THE  
TERROR-  
ISTS  
ARE  
GETTING  
AWAY!!

IS THAT  
THE CHOPPER?



IS EVERY-  
ONE CLEAR  
OF THE  
BUILDING?

GOOD  
WORK.



COM-  
MUN-  
DERS

THE  
CHOPPER  
IS NEARLY  
ON THE  
ROOF!!



IF THERE  
REALLY IS A  
GOD, WE'RE  
GOING TO BE  
ON OUR SIDE.

DON'T  
WORRY

I'M  
WOULD YOU  
CALL THAT  
GAIL OWIE  
MERE?



YES...  
BUT WE  
DIDN'T HAVE  
TOO MUCH  
TIME...



WAY YOU  
ALWAYS BE  
BLESSED  
BY GOD...

ENDWELL,  
CAROLINE

THANK  
YOU, LORD.  
YOU HAVE  
SAVED THE  
SOUL OF  
THIS LITTLE  
GIRL...

I...  
I DON'T  
WANT TO  
GO TO  
HELL...

I WON'T  
PUSH IT...

IT IS  
WRONG  
TO KILL  
PEOPLE.

MARY

COMING  
-FEEL...

CAROLINE.

I DIDN'T  
EVER ASK  
YOUR NAME.

NO MATTER  
HOW BAD  
THEY ARE,  
IT'S WRONG...





I HAVE NO  
INTENTION  
OF LETTING  
THEM GO NOR  
FORGIVING  
THEM.

I AM  
NOT AS  
WERCIFUL  
AS GOD.



THEY  
ARE  
GET-  
TING  
AWAY  
!!

ARE  
YOU  
JUST  
GOING  
TO LET  
THEM  
GO?!



















IT RED ROSE  
BLOOMS IN  
A BED OF  
HATED AND  
WIDNESS  
THAT FALLS  
OF BLOOD.



I  
WOULD  
LIKE  
YOU  
TO...



I AM A ROSE.  
A CHARMING  
ROSE THAT HAS  
FORGIVEN LOVE  
AND BLOOMS  
IN THE WIND...



[File 1: BURST CITY      END]

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# 薔薇の砒毒

ラザロ・ローズ



THE  
PRESIDENT  
IS KNOWN  
FOR HIS  
MISFEASING  
-67N-55

ISN'T THAT  
WAY TOO MUCH  
GUNPOWDER?



# 破の薔薇



デザート・ローズ

File2: BOOMERANG

(PART ONE)





I'M THE ONE WHO COLLECTS THEM, SO YOU LEAD A COUPLE MORE OFF THE TRACK.

ENOUGH GRUMBLING. WE'LL BE PRACTICING WITH THESE TILL THE RAIN COMES.



...GATTSU!



AS SOON AS YOU'VE FINISHED RELOADING THE GUNMIGHT, PUT THAT ONE BACK IN THE BOX.



MR. COOP, ALL IN PIECES.

THESE WERE PRETTY EXPENSIVE, EVEN FOR USED MANNING.



IT  
LOOKS LIKE  
SOMETHING  
GIBBON  
WOULD USE.

THIS ONE'S PERFECT.  
JONG! ALL YOU WANT,  
BUT IT WON'T MATTER  
FOR WHATEVER THE  
PRESIDENT IS WITH  
THIS.



GRAYSON?

IS HE IN  
ON THIS  
OPERATION  
AS WELL?



HEY...  
WE NEED  
TO FINISH  
TEST-  
FIRING  
THESE  
BEFORE  
SUNSET.



JUST HOW  
BIG IS THIS  
OPERATION  
"ROOMERANG"  
?

WHO  
KNOWS  
...



AREN'T  
EXPLOSIVES  
HIS  
SPECIALTY?

WE'LL  
BE  
USING  
EXPLO-  
SIVES.

HEY,  
HEY  
...



IS THIS  
NEXT?

A FEW  
CLIPPER...  
ANTI-TANK  
KILLER?

West  
Germany  
—Köln—

PROVIDING  
STRONGER  
MILITARY  
HARDWARE  
TO TROOPS  
OR POLICE IS  
INEFFECTIVE AS  
A COUNTER-  
TERRORISM  
MEASURE.

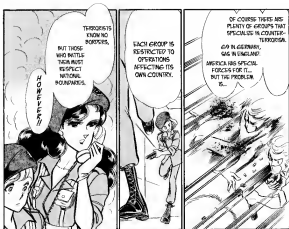
CONSTANTLY  
TRAINING FOR  
SWIFT RESPONSE  
AND JUDGMENT.

MORE  
EFFECTIVE  
IS

IN REALITY,  
HARDLY ANY  
GROUP EXISTS  
THAT CAN  
DO THIS EF-  
FECTIVELY.

TOWARD  
THIS END, IT IS  
ESSENTIAL TO  
EXPLORE AND  
DISMANTLE THE  
TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATIONS.

THE MOST  
VITAL GOAL IS  
TO PREVENT THE  
TERRORISTS  
FROM EVEN  
PERFORMING  
THE DEED.

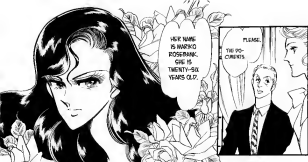














ALMOST  
THE ENTIRETY  
OF HER  
EXPERIENCE  
IS FROM THE  
WORLD'S  
POUNDER  
KINGS.

SHE HAS  
CARRIED OUT  
MISSIONS  
IN ANGOLA,  
SOUTH AMERICA,  
BOLIVIA,  
NICARAGUA,  
ETHIOPIA,  
AND IRAN.

IN THE PAST  
THREE YEARS,

HER HIGHLY  
EXPERIENCED  
TROOPS  
AFFECTIONATELY  
CALL HER,  
"MARIE,  
THE ROSE".

I BELIEVE  
THEY ARE  
THE TEAM  
BEST  
SUITED  
FOR THE  
JOB.



WHAT WE NEED IS  
PROTECTION!

PROTECTION FROM  
THEORISTS FOR  
THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE  
CONGRESS.



OF  
COURSE.



CAN  
THEY  
PROVIDE  
IT?



I GOT IT...  
SHE'S AN  
ENCHANTING  
BEAUTY WITH  
A HELL OF  
A COMBAT  
RECORD! AND  
A ROMANTIC  
NAME TO  
BOOT.



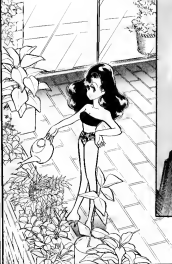
BUT WE  
ARE NOT  
LOOKING  
FOR THE  
HEROINE OF  
A NOVEL  
OR COMIC  
BOOK!!

THAT'S  
JUST THE  
KIND OF  
NAME  
ROWDY  
TROOPS  
WOULD  
THINK OF.

HAMMA,  
NAME  
THE  
ROSE.

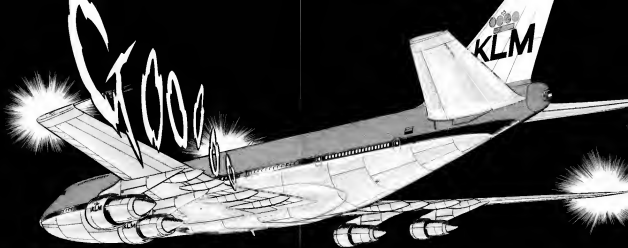


WELL, IT  
OBVIOUSLY  
ORIGINATED  
FROM HER NAME,  
"ROSEBANK".









OUT WHEN GOVERNMENTS ARE IN TROUBLE. IT PROVIDES THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO STRIKE.

THESE LAST FOUR YEARS, THEY'VE BEEN SLOWING DOWN THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. EVEN NATO COULD BE IN TROUBLE.



FIRST KÖLN AND NOW DUBLIN... EUROPE IS BECOMING A REGULAR HOT-SPOT.



HER SPECIALTY IS DETECTING POISON AFTER ALL.

HAHA... OF ALL OF US, LIN IS THE RICHEST WHEN IT COMES TO FLAVOR.



HEY... THE CHEF IS STILL MUCH TOO YOUNG.

THE VEGETABLE SIDE DISHES ...

THE STEAK'S DELICIOUS THE SAUCE, NOT SO MUCH.

HA... THE PUDDING ISN'T THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE.

SHUT UP WHILE YOU EAT!



THE  
MAN WHO  
BRANDED  
ME WITH  
A ROSE  
...

THE MAN  
WHO TOOK  
EVERYTHING  
FROM ME...  
FOUR YEARS  
AGO.



YEAR.



"YES"  
...  
YOU MEAN  
GRIFFIN.



WAGE  
...



DOCTOR!  
WE'RE  
NOT  
GETTING  
A READ  
ON HIS  
BLOOD  
PRESS-  
SURE.

A-  
TYPE  
!!  
  
STAT  
!!

















UM ...

I CAN'T  
EVENLY SEE  
OURSELVES  
AS GUNDAS  
AT THIS  
RATE.

NO ONE  
ELSE DID,  
NOTHE-  
WISLY.

I HAD NO IDEA  
THIS OPERATION  
CALLED FOR  
FORMLINEAR.



HERE...  
A GIFT.

HMM...  
THANKS.  
YOURS IS  
CUTE AS  
WELL.

THAT DRESS  
REALLY  
SUITS YOU.

I HAVEN'T  
FOUND  
ANYTHING  
UNUSUAL  
YET.

OH,  
RIGHT.



Y-YEAH  
...

THAT WE'RE  
LADIES WHO ARE  
ALWAYS READY  
TO SQUEEZE THE  
TENGGER.



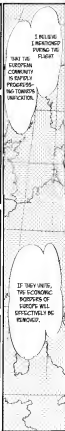
HOPEFULLY,  
ANYONE WHO  
SEES THOSE  
WILL BE MORE  
THE WISER...

I'VE THOSE  
ARTIFICIAL  
NAILS ON.



WHAT?





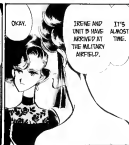


IT SEEMS CERTAIN THEY WILL CARRY OUT THE WICKED DEED ON THIS SWILING STAGE.



I'VE HEARD BOTH THE CITY AND THE CONGRSSIONAL HALL HAVE GREATLY INCREASED SECURITY.

I SUSPECT THE "GUESSERS" PLOT IS ALSO ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGE. THE INVESTIGATION IS IN THREE DAYS...



OKAY.

IRENE AND UNIT B HAVE ARRIVED AT THE MILITARY AIRFIELD.

IT'S ALMOST TIME.

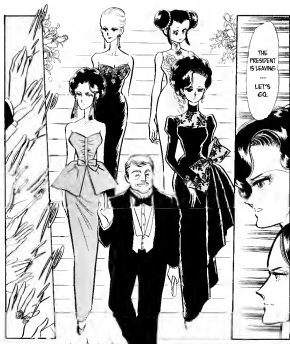


WE COULDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING BETTER.

NOTHING HAPPENED IT APPEARS —



THE PARTY IS OVER.









USH...

MARIE!



HELLO!!  
HOW'S THE  
COMMANDER?  
HEY!!

IS  
SHE  
OKAY  
ID

CALM  
DOWN!!  
FOR NOW,  
ESCORT  
THE  
PRESIDENT  
TO HIS  
CAR!!







OW...  
OW...



HOW CAN  
YOU BE SO  
CARELESS?

IF IT  
HADN'T  
STOPPED  
THE BULLET,  
YOU WOULD  
BE DEAD  
BY NOW...

THAT WAS A  
PRETTY GOOD  
TEST FOR THE  
NEW BULLET-  
PROOF VESTS,  
WASN'T IT?



IT'S AMAZING  
IT COULD STOP  
A .44 MAGNUM  
AT THAT  
RANGE.

THE BULLET  
FAILED TO  
PENETRATE,  
THOUGH IT  
DID LEAVE  
QUITE A  
MARK...



EVEN IF THE  
BULLET HAD  
GONE THROUGH,  
IT DEFINITELY  
WOULDN'T HAVE  
HURT IT TO THE  
PRESIDENT.

BUT...  
THERE  
WASN'T  
REALLY  
ANY OTHER  
CHOICE...



LIH  
BRAWLED  
HER EYES  
OUT...



COM-  
MANDER !!

IT WOULD BE  
A HORRIBLE  
WASTE TO  
TRADE YOUR  
LIFE FOR  
THAT OLD  
GARDEN'S.

STOP  
IT!



HEY!!

THIS IS  
DAMNING  
-SLOW.  
GROSS!

ALL... UN,  
JUST A  
MINUTE.

SOK...  
I GUESS  
IT MUST  
WAIT.

SHOW  
ME... OR,  
OF COURSE  
IT'S TURNING  
BLUE.

YOU  
LOOK  
GREAT.

DID IT  
STOP THE  
PAIN??  
WHERE  
DID IT HIT  
YOU?



KYA...

OPERATION  
BOOKERING  
?



THAT'S  
THE  
FIRST  
I'VE  
HEARD  
OF IT!

A COUPLE OF  
WEEKS AGO,  
THEY CAPTURED  
AN OPERATING  
CONNECTED TO  
THE TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATION AND  
MANAGED TO GET  
THE NAME OF THE  
OPERATION OUT  
OF HIM.

THAT'S  
WHAT SOME  
OF THE  
GUYS IN  
THE SPECIAL  
FORCES  
WERE  
SAYING.

I GET  
THAT'S WHY  
THEY THINK ALL  
WE'RE GOOD  
FOR IS GUNNY  
PUTTY...

THEY MUST TAKE  
US FOR IDIOTS  
BECAUSE WE'RE  
WOMEN!

"SPECIAL  
FORCES" MY  
ASS. THEY  
HAVE NEVER  
EXPERIENCED  
SO MUCH AS  
A MINUTE OF  
COMBAT...

I DON'T  
SUPPOSE YOU  
MEAN TO FORCE  
YOUR WAY INTO  
OPERATIONAL  
MANAGEMENT?

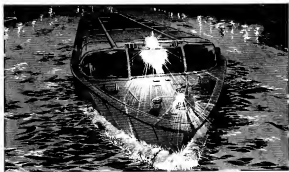
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WELL, THEN,  
COULD  
YOU GET  
THE CAR  
READY?

I HEAR THE  
CITY LIGHTS  
WERE ARE A  
SIGN TO  
BEHOLD AT  
NIGHT...

NO...

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THEN WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
SHOOTING  
AT THE  
PARTY?



DALLAND'S  
POLICE FORCE  
IS FULLY  
PREPARED.



BOOKER...



I REALLY ADMIRE  
THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE.  
NO WONDER YOU CAN COMMAND  
SUCH A GENEROUS FEE...  
AT ANY RATE, WE ARE  
FULLY PREPARED.



YOU ARE  
USING WOMEN  
AS SHIELD.

KOA...

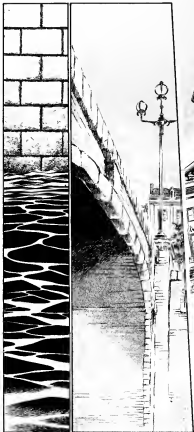


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IF YOU HAVE  
A COMPLAINT,  
YOU CAN TAKE  
IT UP WITH  
YOUR AGENT  
AT CAT.

WE ARE  
NOT THE  
ONLY WHO  
REQUESTED  
WOMEN.









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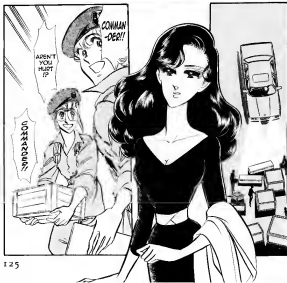
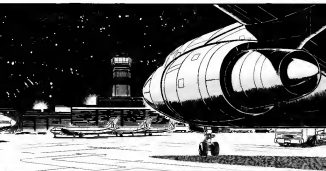
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File2: BOOMERANG  
(CONCLUSION)









WHAT ABOUT THE GUYWANK?

YES MA'AM.

IS EVERYTHING IN ORDER WITH THE EQUIPMENT?

I'VE GOT AN UGLY BRIDGE I WOULDN'T WANT A LOVER TO SEE, BUT I'M FINE BESIDES THAT.



NO WAY... IS THERE NOT A MAN, POLICE OR MILITARY, IN THIS COUNTRY WITH ANY BALLS?

DID HE GET AWAY?



I'LL GO WITH YOU ONE NIGHT OR TWO, HOWEVER MANY TIMES IT TAKE TELL YOURS WANK IN THE KNEES.

What about tonight?

WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME?

ITTY YOU DON'T CARE FOR US.

SURE, WE'VE GOT PILLS— LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.





CHIP-CHIP.  
LET'S  
GET THE EQUIPMENT  
CARRIED  
BACK TO  
BASE.



GIRL'S  
OLDER  
THAN  
YOU.

THAT  
COMMUNIST-  
CRACK, WARR,  
SEEMS LIKE A  
NICE GUY.

I'VE NEVER  
DONE IT WITH  
AN ASIAN GIRL  
BEFORE.



BABYSITTING  
WOMEN IS HARDLY A  
JOB FOR SPECIAL  
FORCES... I  
COULD TRY.

IT BEATS  
SITTING IN  
SOLITUD.



GIRL-LIKE  
-TRENDS!

CUT IT OUT. IT'S  
THAT KIND OF TALK  
THAT GETS YOU  
THE SHORT END OF  
THE STICK...

THEY SAY  
THEY'RE  
REALLY  
TIGHT, AND  
THEIR VOICE  
WAXES THEY  
CLIMAX...

MAAN  
GIRLS  
HAVE  
BULKY  
SEX.





I'LL ALSO BE REEPIRING  
EVERY SCOPED OF DATA  
ON THE BOOMBOMBING  
OPERATION THAT YOU  
ACQUIRED FROM THE  
TERRORIST OPERATIVE.

AS WELL AS THE  
FIREWORKS GIVING  
ME FULL ACCESS  
TO THE COMPUTER'S  
SECURITY SYSTEM.

I'VE LIKE  
YOU TO  
GATHER  
SOME  
THINGS.  
  
I NEED A MAP OF  
THE AREA AROUND  
SIDE OF THE ROYAL  
PALACE AT 1:50,000  
SCALE, AND A  
1:5,000 MAP OF  
THE CITY.



LOOK, LET'S GET  
SOMETHING STRAIGHT  
HERE. WE ARE NOT MILITARY  
SPIES, NOR ARE WE SOME  
BACKPACKING TOURISTS.

YOUR JOB IS  
TO FIGHT  
TERRORISM.

BUT THE  
OTHER TWO  
ARE TOP  
SECRET,  
SO...

I CAN  
GET THE  
MAPS  
EIGHT  
ANY.



BUT,  
SEE...

AND WE  
ARE MOST  
CERTAINLY  
NOT YOUR  
TEENY  
BOOBS.  
STUFF!



BUT  
HATE...  
THESE  
GUNS...

IT'S ME  
WHO WAS  
MISTAKEN.



H  
E  
L  
L  
O

WHY  
NOW  
...



WITHOUT  
THEM, HOW  
DO YOU  
EXPECT US  
TO DO OUR  
JOB...?



WELL...  
YOU CAN  
PUT IT  
THAT  
WAY...



THEY  
ARE NOT  
NEED FOR  
SUPPORT.  
THEY ARE  
NEED FOR  
SUBSTANCE



WE ARE  
THE ELITE  
OF THE  
ELITE.

THE SPECIAL  
FORCES OF  
PAISLAND TRAINED  
WITH GERMANY'S GSG  
FOR A YEAR. ONLY  
THE MOST SUPERIOR  
PERSONNEL  
CAN JOIN.

WE ARE  
ALSO  
TRAINED  
TO FIGHT  
TERRORISM.



EVEN THE  
REGIONAL  
POLICE ARE  
PROVIDING OVER  
TWO THOUSAND  
ADDITIONAL  
FORCES.

WE HAVE AS MANY  
AS THREE HUNDRED  
ELITE TROOPS  
PATROLLING THE  
CITY ROUND THE  
CLOCK.



I'M  
BEGINNING  
TO SEE WHY  
THE NATO  
CONCIL  
DISAPPOINTED  
IS.

INDEED  
...

THIS IS  
WORSE THAN  
I THOUGHT.

THERE  
IS NOT AN  
OPENING FOR  
A TERRORIST  
TO ENTER.



BUT HOW WILL  
THEY STAY?

WE MIGHT AS WELL  
BE LOOKING AT A  
BLANK SHEET.

WE CAN'T  
BE LAX.

HELGA

THE CITY  
SHOULD BE  
CROWDING  
WITH  
TELECOMS  
BY NOW.



THE LEGISLATIVE  
HALLS, AND THE PALACE.  
WE NEED TO CHECK ANY  
BUILDING WITHIN A 2km  
RADIUS THAT HAS  
BEEN RENOVATED OR  
EXPANDED WITHIN THE  
LAST MONTH.

ASSURING THEY'VE  
ALREADY PLANTED  
THEIR EXPLOSIVES,  
THE CITY TERMINAL,  
THE CENTRAL  
ADMINISTRATION  
DISTRICT.



I HAVE A BAD  
FEELING  
ABOUT THIS.

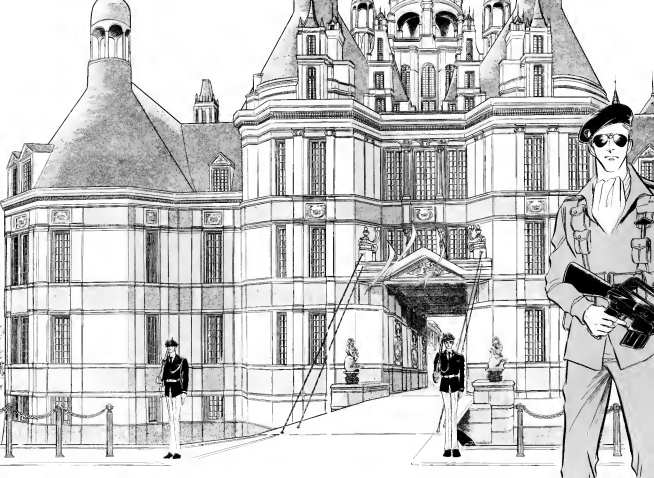
POORERMAN...

I CAN'T  
STOP  
THINKING  
ABOUT THAT  
WOOF...

WACE

THE  
TERRORISTS  
HAVE HAD  
MONTHS TO  
PREPARE...

WE DON'T  
EVEN HAVE  
48 HOURS.





THE  
PROSECUTOR'S  
OFFICE  
WILL TRAVEL  
THROUGH  
THIS STREET  
TOWARDS  
THE PALACE  
FOR THE  
CEREMONY.

RIGHT AFTER  
DELIVERING  
HIS INAUGURAL  
SPEECH TO THE  
LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY.



THEY  
WILL

AT THE  
PALACE'S  
CHapel.

THE PRINCE  
AND ATTENDING  
BISHOPS WILL  
CONFER WITH  
THE SOVEREIGN  
AUTHORITY.



SURELY  
THAT'S  
UNLIKELY.



ONCE WE'RE  
INSIDE THE  
PALACE, THE  
LICK-HOOB  
IS ZERO.  
A NOODLE  
WOULD BE A  
PRESIDENT  
MATTER,  
THOUGH.

WHAT'S  
THE  
LICK-  
HOOP  
OF A  
SAFFER?



!!

FIGURES...  
HOW'S THE  
CANCELLATION  
OF THE CODE'S  
AND SECURITY  
INSTALLATION  
GOING?



HELLO?

COLL.  
MIRAL



IT'S TYPE  
13-GOLD,  
AND IT IS  
CURRENTLY  
INACTIVE.

THE COMPUTER  
RUNNING THE  
SECURITY  
SYSTEM WAS  
INFECTED WITH  
A VIRUS.

THEY WERE  
HACKED?



ANNOUNCING THE  
DESIGNATED  
TIME TO ACT  
AND DESTROY  
ALL DATA.

IT GOES  
DOWN  
AS SOON AS  
IT INFECTS  
THE SYSTEM.

TYPE  
13-GOLD IS  
LIKE A TICKING  
TIME BOMB.

YES... WE  
HAD ANTICIPATED  
THE VIRUS,  
BUT IT IS  
WORKING  
NONE THE LESS.



IT'S THE  
SILENT  
TYPE THAT  
SILENTLY  
ACTIVATES  
WHEN  
LEAST  
EXPECTED...

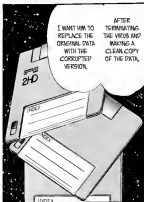
GOOD  
THING WE  
CATCH IT  
EARLY.





TELL HIM  
TO MAKE A  
COPY OF THE  
INFECTED  
DATA.

HELLO!  
CONTACT  
COLIN  
AT THE  
CENTRE.



I WANT HIM TO  
REPLACE THE  
ORIGINAL DATA  
WITH THE  
CORRUPTED  
VERSION.

AFTER  
TERMINATING  
THE VIRUS AND  
MAKING A  
CLEAN COPY OF THE DATA.



HOW?



A COMPUTER VIRUS...  
RESTORING INFOR-  
MATION SYSTEMS... LIKE A  
TACKLING THE BOSS...  
AN EXPLOSIVE...  
EXPERT...

CRYPTOPHONIE



THIS WAY,  
THEY'LL CARRY  
ON WITH THEIR  
PLANS AS IF THE  
VIRUS IS STILL  
IN PLAY.

I DON'T  
WANT ONE  
SOMEONE TO  
KNOW THAT  
WE'VE  
DISCOVERED  
AND NULLIFIED  
THE VIRUS.

WHY  
WOULD  
YOU DO  
THAT?



BUT THIS CHEAP  
TRICK IS MERELY  
THE END OF IT...  
THERE IS BOUND TO  
BE SOMETHING  
ELSE...



I  
GUESS  
SO.

WAGGLES  
WORTH  
WAGGLES,  
HUN!



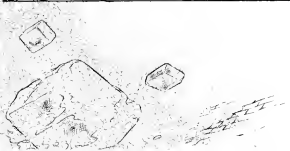
...JUST  
WHAT COULD  
POSSIBLY  
BEHOLD,  
I  
WONDER...

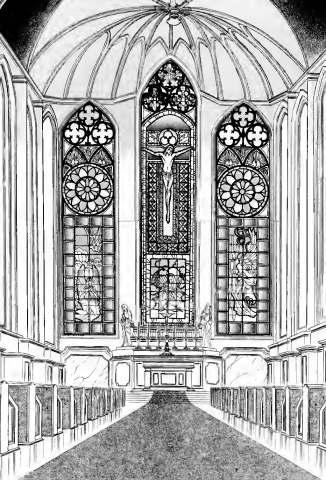
SURELY HE  
MUST HAVE  
THOUGHT OF  
THE SAME  
THING...



MADE...

38 HOURS  
LEFT...









NOT  
EVEN  
FOR  
US.

IF THE PRESIDENT'S  
WIFE GOT IT INTO  
HER HEAD TO KILL  
HER, THERE WOULD  
BE NO WAY TO  
PREVENT IT.

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
WE CHECK  
THE  
ATTENDEES.



THAT'S  
RIGHT...

AND THAT  
AFTER BEING  
ELECTED, HE  
WOULD TAKE  
A MAJOR  
ROLE IN THE  
UNIFICATION  
OF THE U.S.



THEY MUST  
HAVE KNOWN  
HE WOULD  
WIN THE  
ELECTION...

SO... WHY  
DID THE  
TERRORISTS  
WANT HIM  
AS THE  
PRESIDENT?



GIVEN BY THE LOGICAL  
EXTREME, IF THEY DIDN'T  
WANT HENDERSON TO BE  
PRESIDENT, THEY COULD  
HAVE GONE TO HIS HOME  
BEFORE THE ELECTION AND  
HELP HIS FAMILY HOSTAGE  
OR EVEN KILLED HIM. THAT  
WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER.



IT'S  
A FRONT  
FOR THE  
"UNIFICATION  
OF  
MINORITIES"  
TAGLINE

THE SUPPORTERS  
OF EUROPEAN  
TRAFALGAR  
WOULD BE SEEN  
AS TARGETS OF  
TERRORISM.

BY KILLING  
PRESIDENT  
HENDERSON,  
THEY WOULD THROW HIS  
SUPPORTERS INTO  
A BLOODBATH.

SUPPOSE HUNGARY  
CASTS OFF COMMUNISM,  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA GAINS  
INDEPENDENCE, AND  
ALL THE OTHER EASTERN  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES  
START CROWDING IN.  
WHAT DO YOU THINK  
WILL HAPPEN?

EVEN  
BIGGER  
THAN THE  
UNITED  
STATES.

IF THE  
E.C. UNITS,  
EUROPE WILL  
BECOME THE  
BIGGEST  
ECONOMY IN  
THE WORLD.

IT  
COULD  
BE.

**E.C.**



IT WILL PASS  
THE UPRISE  
OVER SOVIET  
PERESTROIKA.



SO THE  
ONE'S  
BACKING  
THESE  
TERRORISTS  
ARE...



GET THE  
CIVILIANS  
OUT OF  
HERE!!

CARLA,  
BRING  
THE CAP  
OVER!!

UNIT

HAVE  
YOU IN-  
FORMED  
THE COMMAN-  
-DER  
YET?













THOSE BOATS  
SEEM TO BE  
DESIGNED FOR  
THE PATTERN OF  
THE CANALS.



HOW  
DID YOU  
REALIZE  
THAT?

WE FOUND  
ANOTHER  
ONE WHERE  
THE CANALS  
AND SEA  
CONVERGE.



WE GOT  
LUCKY.



VIRTUALLY ALL  
OF THEM HAD THE  
SAME FATE...  
MOST LIKELY.

THE WATER  
PRESSURE  
FORCES WATER  
INWARD, TURNING  
THE TRIM  
DOWN AND  
EVERYTHING  
ELSE.

AS  
SOON  
AS THEY  
FLOW  
OUT TO  
SEA,



A SHIPWRECK  
COULD  
STILL TRY  
TO TAKE  
OUT THE  
PRESIDENT.

STILL...  
IT'S TOO  
SOON TO  
TELL.



I-I'M  
OUTSIDE.

IS THAT A  
JOKE?



THAT  
SPOT

DON'T  
WORRY.

GOD WILL  
PROTECT  
DYRLAND.



WITHIN THE  
CITY, THERE ARE  
SANDY-LOOKING  
CHARACTERS WHO  
ARE STARTING  
TO RISE.

THE ARMY,  
FLUSTERED  
BY THE RECENT  
TURN OF EVENTS,  
HAD NO CHOICE  
BUT TO ALTER  
THEIR PLANS.



WHAT'S UP?  
DO THE ARMY  
HAS FINALLY  
DECIDED TO  
SHOW UP,  
HEH.

GOT IT...

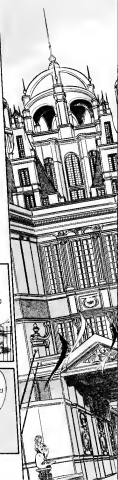


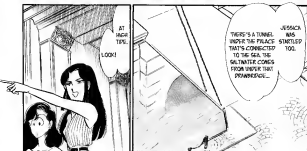
IT MAY JUST  
BE AS HE SAID...  
ALTHOUGH MY  
LAND OR PERSON  
WHOM GOD MIGHT  
PROTECT HAVE  
LONG LOST ALL  
PURTH...

—OZH—



AND THE  
PESOP-  
PUNT.







SUCH  
MAJESTY.

WOW!

WHAT A  
DELICIOUS  
GARDEN  
FOUNTAIN!





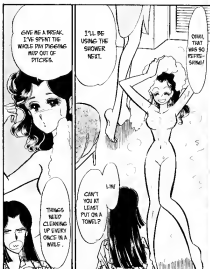
THAT'S THE  
CHURCH'S  
CLOCK  
TOWER ATOP  
THE HILL.

EVERY-  
THING  
WAS IN  
PLACE  
-FILL

THE BELL IN  
THIS CLOCK  
TOWER ALSO  
CAME FROM  
THE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
CENTURY.

They went  
to the  
Place de  
la République.





HELLO.

WHAT DOES  
"BOORDING"  
MEANS TO  
YOU?

UH...  
HOW LONG  
DO YOU  
PLAN ON  
LOITERING  
AROUND  
NAKED?

WHY THE  
GLUM  
LOOK?

IT'S A NOOPEN TOOL USED  
BY AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINALS  
WHEN THEY HUNT...

THE COMMONWEALTH  
AIRCRAFT CORPORATION  
MADE A FIGHTER BY THAT  
NAME WHICH WAS USED  
DURING THE SECOND  
WORLD WAR...

HOW... WELL...  
I SERIOUSLY  
DOUBT IT HOLDS  
ANY SPECIAL  
MEANING.

OUR CONTRACT  
ENDS AS SOON AS THE  
OFFENSE IS OVER...

WE'LL STOP ANY TERRORIST  
ACT FROM REACHING THE  
PRESIDENT BEFORE THEN!

WITH THAT, I GIVE US  
AN 80% CHANCE.

YOU'RE  
OVER-  
TALKING  
IT.

IF A PLAN  
HAS AN 80%  
CHANCE,  
BETTER HALF...

THERE'S A  
SAYING IN MY  
COUNTRY.



IF WE COULD GET THROUGH THE CEREMONY WITHOUT A HITCH, THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST BLOODLESS OPERATION IN A LONG WHILE.

I'VE READ THIS REPORT MANY TIMES OVER... EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER.



SURELY WE CAN COUNT ON GOD TO SPOT US THE OTHER HALF.

THAT MAY BE TRUE IN JAPAN,

BUT THIS IS DALE-LAND.



STILL... IT'S JUST GOOD THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING TOO WELL...



JUST... WHAT EXACTLY COULD THEY BE PLANNING?

THE TERRORIST GROUP IS HARDLY MAKING ANY MOVES AT ALL... AND IT WORRIES ME.



WAIT  
IT...

JUST  
HERE  
NO OUT,  
GOM...

IF THE  
TERRORISTS'  
PLAN WAS  
COMPLETELY  
THWARTED,  
SURELY THEY  
WOULD HAVE  
ALREADY  
FLED.

EVEN THOUGH  
THE BOMBS  
SITTING THERE  
GOT BOMB  
AND DECIDED  
TO PROCEED  
INTO THE  
SEAP

COULD  
THEY REALLY  
HAVE PUT  
ALL THEIR  
HOPES IN  
THOSE  
BOMBS...



WE BEING SHOT  
AT THE PARTY,  
THE EARLY DETECTION  
AND NEUTRALIZATION OF  
THE COMPUTER VIRUS,  
AND THE DISCOVERY OF  
THE DEFECTIVE BOMBS...

WERE  
PART OF THE  
TERRORISTS'  
PLAN ALL  
ALONG?



CONVIN-  
-DED...

I-IT  
CAN'T  
BE!



UNTIL  
YOU GET  
YOUR PEEK,  
THAT IS.

YOU HEAR  
THE THING THAT  
COMES BACK TO  
YOU WHEN YOU  
THEOW IT...

IF ONLY  
WE COULD  
MAKE IT  
ALL ADD  
UP...



ARE YOU  
SAYING THE  
BOMBS WILL  
RETURN TO  
THE CANNELS  
EVEN AFTER  
DROTTING  
OUT TO SEA?

HUH  
!?



THE  
BOMBS  
COME  
BACK!!

COMES  
BACK!!  
THAT'S  
IT!!



THERE'S  
NOTHING  
RESEMBLING  
A PROPELLER  
ATTACHED  
TO THEM.

THESE  
BOMBS DON'T  
CONTAIN ANY  
KIND OF  
NOISE.

BUT  
WAITS...

"BOOMERANG"  
DEFINITELY  
HOLDS THE  
KEY TO  
EVERYTHING!



CARBON FIBER  
CONDUCTS  
ELECTRICITY,  
THEREFORE IT  
HEATS UP WHEN  
CURRENT FLOWS  
THROUGH IT.

SHE ALSO SAID  
THEY WERE MADE  
OF A HYBRID COM-  
STRUCTURE OF  
POLYACETAL, Kevlar  
AND CARBON  
FIBER.

JERARCHA  
SAID THAT  
WHEN  
THE GLAS  
EXPANDS,  
THEY FLOAT.

OR TO  
BE MORE  
ACCURATE,  
THEY'RE  
BUILT TO  
FLOAT.



AT THE  
SPECIFIED  
TIME, CURRENT  
FLOWS THROUGH  
THE BONDS/  
CANNALS,  
TRIGGERING  
THEM UP.



THEN  
...

SUBSEQUENTLY  
ENABLING THE  
BONDS TO RE-  
START THE SYSTEM.

THE BONDS' SURFACE MUST HAVE  
BEEN COATED WITH SOMETHING THAT  
REACTS TO HEAT WHICH SERVES TO  
GENERATE THE GAS THAT FILLS UP  
THE POUABLE COMPARTMENT...



THERE'S  
NO WAY  
THEY CAN  
RETURN  
TO THE  
CANALS.

BUT...  
THEY  
ALREADY  
PORTED  
OUT TO  
SEA.

BUT THE  
CANALS  
AREN'T  
CONNECTED  
TO THE  
PALACE...

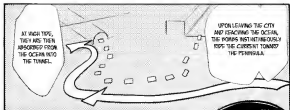
THE  
PALACE  
!!

EVEN IF  
THE BOMBS  
DID LEAVE  
DALELAND...  
ALL THEY  
HAVE TO DO  
IS RETURN TO  
DALELAND.

JUST  
BECAUSE  
THEY LEFT  
THE CANALS  
DOESN'T  
MEAN THEY  
HAVE TO  
RETURN  
TO THE  
CANALS.

OCEAN  
CURRENTS!!  
THE MOAT  
SURROUNDING  
THE PALACE IS  
SALTWATER.





AT HIGH TIDE,  
THEY WERE THEN  
ABSORBED FROM  
THE OCEAN INTO  
THE TUNNEL.

UPON LEAVING THE CITY  
AND REACHING THE OCEAN,  
THE PIRATES INSTANTANEOUSLY  
KIPPED THE CURRENT TOWARD  
THE PENINSULA.



THOSE  
BOMBS  
ARE NOT  
DEFECTIVE.  
THEY ARE  
ALARMINGLY  
FLAWLESS.

THE CANALS,  
THE OCEAN  
CURRENTS...  
EVEN THE DRR  
AND FLOW  
OF THE TIDE...  
EVERYTHING  
WAS  
ACCOUNTED  
FOR...

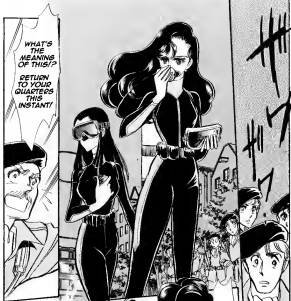
HELLO!!

ASSEMBLE  
THE TEAM  
AT ONCE!  
WE'RE GOING  
TO THE  
PALACE!!



WHAT'S  
THE  
MEANING  
OF THIS!?

RETURN  
TO YOUR  
QUARTERS  
THIS  
INSTANT!



HERE  
WE  
GO!!



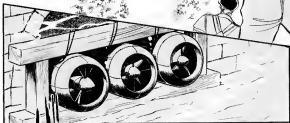
















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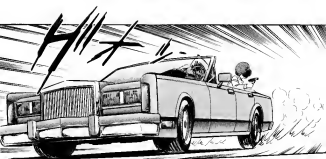


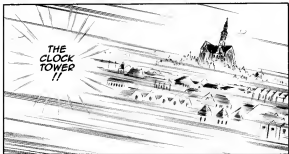
















TO DO THIS  
MUCH DAMAGE  
FROM MORE THAN  
4 KILOMETERS!!



IT'S  
USELESS,  
MARIE!

THE SNIPER IS  
VIRTUALLY OUT  
OF THE MIB'S  
RANGE!

IT MUST BE A  
50 CALIBER  
ANTI-TANK  
RIFLE...



YEECH,  
I CAN'T  
MOVE  
IN THIS  
THING.



NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
YOU ADJUST  
THE SIGHT,  
THERE'S NO  
WAY YOU CAN  
ACCURATELY  
SNIDE HIM.



HELGA!!  
SUPPORT!!



WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
IS  
UP  
ARE  
YOU  
OUT  
OF  
YOUR  
MIND  
IS









WIND...  
PLEASE  
SETUP.

THE 5,500m  
MOTO RAY IS A  
LIGHTWEIGHT,  
HIGH SPEED  
PROJECT. IT IS  
NOT SUITED FOR  
CROSSHIPS.



YOU ARE A  
MURDERER.

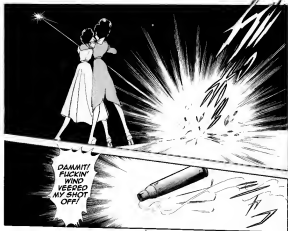
FOOLS!!  
AT THAT  
DISTANCE,  
YOUR MIB  
WONT BE  
HITTING  
JACK  
SHIT!



COUNTER  
TERRORISM  
SPECIALISTS  
BY ASS!

WHAT A  
JOKE.

GO JOIN THE  
PRESIDENT  
IN THE NEXT  
WORLD.

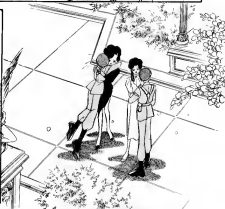




















THE FLOW OF TIME IS NOT GUARANTEED.

THE SOURCES OF OURS ARE NOT  
A BOOM TASTING.

AND SHE PUTS, IN THE CHINESE  
SHE WILL BE YOUNGER.



[File 2: BOOMERANG (CONCLUSION) END]



### File: 3 The White Emperor

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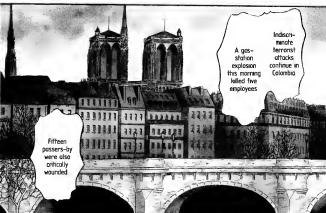


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File 3: The White Emperor (1)





Fifteen  
passers-by  
were also  
critically  
wounded

A gas-  
station  
explosion  
this morning  
killed five  
employees

Indon-  
esian  
terrorist  
attacks  
continue in  
Colombia



HERE IT  
COMES,  
HELGA...



BUT IT'S  
JUST PLAIN  
AMINOACID  
TO PERSECT  
IN KILLING  
BYSTANDERS...

THEY'RE  
MORE THAN  
WELCOMING  
TO PERCUSS  
THEIR PERI-  
CLES AND  
POSITIONS.

BUT  
THAT'S NOT  
HOW THEY  
SEE IT.



UH-HUH

DISPER-  
SUATE... I  
FURTHER  
LOCATE  
THAT.



THERE ARE  
PASTRIES AMONG  
THE BROCCOLIS...  
PERHAPS THE  
HOSTAGES ARE  
STILL ALIVE.



MARY



I CAN'T  
IMAGINE FORMING  
AN EXOTIC  
COMMUNIST  
SOCIETY THAT  
COULD CONCEIVE  
OF VICTIMIZING  
A CHILD.

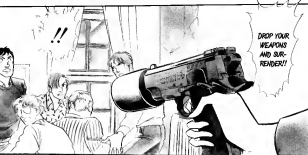
I SURE  
HOPE  
SO.















DON'T YOUR  
MAMA TEACH  
YOU TO ALWAYS  
SHUT THE  
FRIDGE DOOR  
AFTER YOU  
WALK PONG  
WITH IT?



I WON'T  
BE SORRY  
FOR THIS.



THAT'S  
NOT  
ALL OF THEM.



HOLGA  
DOES  
THAT  
ACCOUNT  
FOR THE  
REST?



BRING  
THE CAR  
AROUND  
AT ONCE.

LM

EVERYTHING'S  
ALRIGHT NOW.  
LET'S HEAD  
HOME.



I THINK  
THE BOOK IS  
CLOSED.











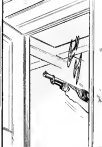


















ARE  
YOU TRY  
TALKING  
ME?

WHAT  
FRIGHTENS  
YOU SO  
MUCH?



I  
WASN'T  
SURE WHAT  
I WAS  
GOING TO  
DO THERE.

LOOKS  
LIKE SHE'S  
SETTLED  
DOWN.  
THAT'S  
OUR COM-  
MANDER.



AH!!



I CAN  
SMELL THE  
BLOOD.

COMMANDER,  
BURST  
AWAY  
YOU'RE  
ON YOUR  
FEET.



ELIZ

Good...  
Strong  
me.

HAPPY...





THE REASON  
SHE WAS TAKING  
COCAINE WAS  
TIE TO THE  
ENDLESS  
SCENARIO OF  
WARREN...

COCAINE  
WITHDRAWAL  
SYMPTOMS WERE  
THE IMMEDIATE  
CAUSE OF THAT  
WARRIOR.

THE...  
CRUISE?

...BECAUSE  
THE BLADE  
DIDN'T CUT  
AN ARTERY...  
YES...AT  
LEAST...  
HER  
LIFE  
WAS  
SPARED.



MARY:



THE REASON  
TERRORISTS WON'T  
STOP COMING IS  
BECAUSE POLITICS  
IS SO DAMNED  
ENTWED.

THE REASON  
SOMEONE OF  
MURDER WAS  
DUE TO THE FACT  
THAT NO MATTER  
HOW MANY TIMES  
WE CRUSH THEM,  
THE TERRORISTS  
RISE YET AGAIN...



YES

YOU'VE  
RECEIVED EVERY  
DETAIL IN THE  
REPORT.

THIS IS  
HELGA.

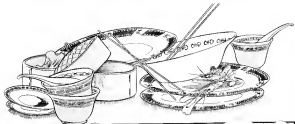
UH-HUH...  
SHE NEEDS TO  
RECOVER  
IN HOSPITAL...







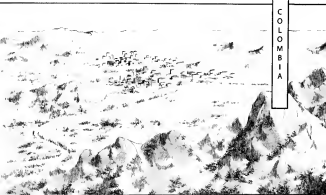






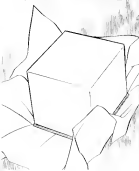
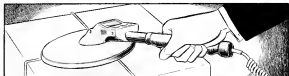






THEY STILL  
HAVEN'T  
ARRIVED  
AT THE  
AIRPORT?  
CRAZY!!  
THEY LEFT  
TWO HOURS  
AGO.







W  
A  
H  
H  
H



H-HANDY.  
UH...AHHH



!!



S-  
SERENA

AHA  
WA



WHAT  
ABOUT  
SHE-  
RILEY?

MY  
DAUGHTER!!

WHY...  
YOU?!



WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT?!

P- PLEASE  
STOP! DON'T  
HARM HER...



No...  
Stop...  
Ah...Ah...

Ku  
Ku  
Ku  
Ku

SHE-  
RILEY!!



Quite  
simple

We merely  
desire a  
very tiny  
thing, Don  
Lombardo



I GUESS  
YOU HAVE  
RECEIVED  
THE  
SCHOOL'S  
HEAD...

Gh...H...



うわぁ...  
あぁ...  
あぁ...

I beg  
you...

Please... My  
daughter...  
Give me back  
my Shelle...

You must  
keep this  
a secret  
from the  
police.  
Oh...  
That's  
no  
good

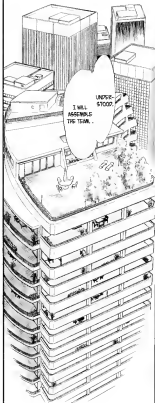
You're  
the police  
commis-  
sioner.

Well...  
I'll be  
going  
now...









I WILL  
ASSEMBLE  
THE TEAM...

UNDER-  
STOOD.



OH,  
NO...

FORTY-  
EIGHT  
HOURS!

THE  
CHIEF  
OF  
EMBASSIES  
FROM  
SEVERAL  
NATIONS?

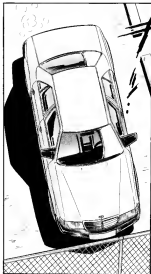
THEY...  
HAVEN'T  
KILLED  
THEM YET,  
HAVE THEY?

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Colombia—8:30 A M

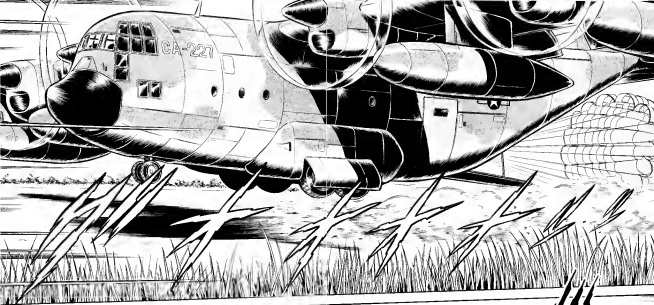
HMW...  
YOU THINK  
THOSE  
CAT  
PEOPLE  
WILL  
REALLY  
SHOW  
UP?

UM-HUH

AL...  
THERE  
THEY ARE.  
NOW.



カッカッカッカッ...

















I WAS  
KIDNAPED  
LEONARD.

CONFINED  
TO HOW THEY  
KILLED THE  
COMMUNIST'S  
WIFE AND  
DAUGHTER.

TRAITORS  
LOOK THE  
SAME AS  
ENEMIES  
TO ME.



MAKES  
PERFECT SENSE  
GIVEN THEIR OWN  
KIDS' LIVES ARE  
ON THE LINE.

THE  
SITUATION  
COMMITTEE  
DOESN'T  
GIVE ANY  
SUPPORT.

HEHEH  
PRETTY  
NICE  
PIES.



FIGURES...  
THE POLICE  
WOULD LIKELY  
BE TOO  
PROUD TO  
HIRE US.

THAT IS,  
THE ARMS  
SAVORS  
OF THE  
VARIOUS  
COUNTRIES.

IT'S  
FROM THE  
PARENTS  
OF THE  
KIDNAPPED  
CHILDREN.

SO OUR  
COMMISSION  
ISN'T  
FROM THE  
COLOMBIA  
POLICE?





GOOD WORK,  
IS EVERYONE HERE  
IN COLOMBIA NOW?

COLLEEN,  
JESSICA.

GODDY  
WE'RE  
LATE!



GODDIT...WE  
ARRIVED IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF LAST  
NIGHT, AS  
FORECAST.

SO WE HAD  
TO DO SOME  
SIGHTSEEING  
AROUND THE  
CITY.

WE CAME  
IN AS BACK-  
PACKERS.



HERE IS THE  
EQUIPMENT  
LIST FOR  
EACH PLATOON.

THANK  
YOU.



MORE  
LIKE  
IT WAS  
THROWN  
AWAY...

IT WAS  
DELIVERED  
IT TO THE  
AIR FORCE  
BASE FIRST.

THE  
TRANSPORT  
BROUGHT  
EQUIPMENT  
FOR TWO  
PLATOONS.



# DUTY FREE







I'M SO SORRY,  
CALLING YOU  
SO SUDDENLY.

I HAVEN'T  
YET HEARD  
WHAT OUR  
MISSION IS.

COMPAR-  
TER



ODDS  
ON THEM  
BEING  
ALIVE OR  
DEAD ARE  
NINETY-  
FIFTY.

ACCORDING  
TO OUR  
ANALYSIS,  
THERE'S  
AN EIGHTY PERCENT  
CHANCE THEY  
ARE AT MARRA  
HEADQUARTERS.



OUR MISSION IS  
TO RESCUE FIVE  
CHILDREN THAT HAVE  
BEEN KIDNAPPED BY  
A DRUG CARTEL.

WE MUST  
ACCOM-  
PLISH  
IT BY  
THURSDAY  
MORNING.

ONLY  
THIRTY-  
SIX  
HOURS  
REMAIN.

BUT WE  
HAVE A  
STRICT  
DEADLINE  
BY WHICH  
TO FINISH  
THIS MIS-  
SION.



SO... WHO  
ARE THE  
CHILDREN?

YUCK...  
FRIDAY... IS  
THE DEADLINE.





HE  
TRANSPORTS  
HUGE  
QUANTITIES OF  
COCAINE TO  
AMERICA AND  
EUROPE. HIS  
INCOME IS  
THIRTY TIMES  
THE NATIONAL  
BUDGET OF  
COLOMBIA.  
CAN'T  
TOUCH  
HIM.

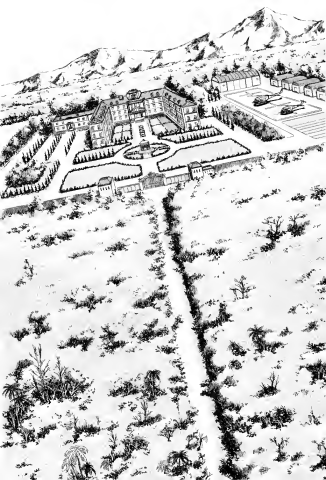


WATCHING  
COCAINE AND  
EVERYTHING  
ELSE LEAVE,  
THE GOVERN-  
MENT THAT  
SERVES THE  
FUTURE...



NOR, OF COURSE,  
THE COLOMBIAN ARMY.  
SO THAT'S WHY THEY NEED  
THE AID OF ARMIES FROM  
OTHER COUNTRIES...

GRANTING  
THE GOVERN-  
MENT AND THE  
ECONOMY OF  
COLOMBIA  
FROM THE  
UNDER SUPP-  
THE BATTLE  
COPPER-  
OR, CO-  
CAINE...





THIS BEING  
SOUTH  
AMERICA,  
THAT JOKE  
WAS LOW-  
HUNGING  
FRUIT...

THE ONLY  
TROOPS  
THEY HAD  
WERE GIRLS?  
...?



WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
MAYBE?



WE'VE HEARD  
FROM PAGODA CITY  
THAT THEY WASTED  
MACCLAREN.

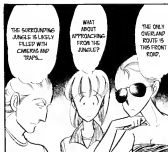


BUT EITHER WAY  
THEY'VE ONLY  
GOT THIRTY  
MOVIES LEFT...

WELL  
ENOUGH  
...I SUP-  
POSE

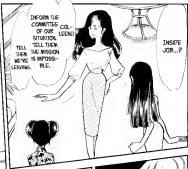
THEY  
SAID IT'S A  
COUNTER-  
TERRORISM  
UNIT CALLED  
GAT.

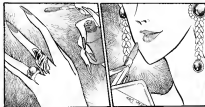














OH-  
CHIEF!  
LEND ME  
SOME  
CASH

IS THIS  
NAUGHTY  
ENOUGH?

A  
HOTTE!  
YOU  
AUNT'  
CARRYING  
ANYTHING  
NAUGHTY,  
ARE YOU?  
LET ME  
SEE.

TONIGHT  
I'M...  
SHIFSH

W-WAIT!  
I'M  
ABOUT  
TO EX-  
PLODE!

KOOO...





YOU WON'T  
FIND A  
REASON TO  
GO THERE.

THAT'S  
DON  
MAMMA'S  
VILLA.



SUCH A  
BIG HOUSE.  
DOES EVERYONE  
LIVE IN THERE?



ER...  
THERE'S  
A LITTLE  
WRONG.

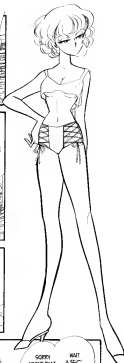


DON'T  
STARE  
ME LIKE  
THAT. NOW  
SCRAM!



WAIT  
A SEC'.  
I WAS  
WRONG.

Sometimes I just  
don't know what  
I'm thinking.







WHAT'S  
IN THE  
BAGGET?

AND...  
THESE



TWO LEGS  
AND ONE  
SHOTGUN.

AN EIGHTEEN-  
CENTIMETER  
ROCKET  
LAUNCHER  
AND TWO  
SAZOOKS.



TWELVE  
PINEAPPLE  
GRENADES.



BUT  
THE ONES  
INSIDE ARE  
APPARENTLY  
OUTTA  
FORMIDABLE.

THE TROOPS  
OUTSIDE THE  
MANSION ARE  
A WORTHLESS  
MUSHMUSH.

WOAH...



I HEARD THEY  
CAME FROM THE  
GREEN BERRY...





I SAW HER  
BODY IN  
THE POLICE  
HOSPITAL'S  
MORGUE...



THEY'RE  
THE ONES THAT  
HACKED UP THE  
COMMISSIONER'S  
DAUGHTER.



A FIFTEEN  
YEAR-OLD  
GIRL...WHO DIED  
SO YOUNG...

THEY GOUGED OUT  
HER HEART...AND  
MADE KNIFE CUTS  
THROUGHOUT  
HER BODY...



WE'LL  
SEND ALL  
THE MEN TO  
THE NEXT  
WORLD.

IT'S TIME  
FOR THE  
MORGUE  
TO OPEN FOR  
BUSINESS.





SHOW  
ME THE  
MOM-  
TORY

WH-  
WHAT  
WAS  
THAT?



SECURE  
THE FRONT  
ENTRANCE.  
NO ONE  
GETS IN!

IMPLE-  
MENT  
THE FIRE-  
FIGHTING  
DRILL!



DAMN  
WAZONS  
...!!

IT'S A  
COUNTER-  
TERRORISM UNIT  
COMPRISED  
ENTIRELY OF  
WOMEN...



WHAT  
ABOUT  
THE  
GIRLS?

I DON'T  
KNOW, THEY  
COULD HAVE  
BEEN BLOWN  
TO BITS.



IT LOOKS  
LIKE THE  
LITTLE  
WHORE-  
HOUSE  
BLEW UP.









SHE'S  
OUT OF  
AMMO.  
NOW!!











SKILL WITH A  
BIG SAW IS  
NOTHING TO  
SMILE AT.

THAT'S MY  
AMAZON.







MAKE  
THE  
ROSE?

INSTRUC-  
TOR...

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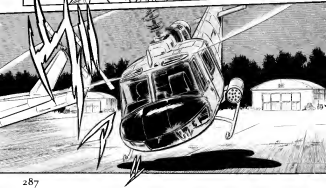


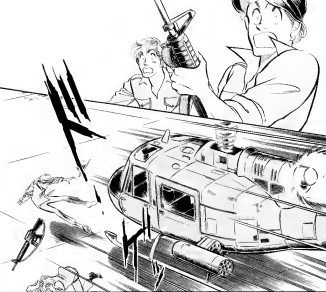














HERE I COME!!



GAY, YA  
WIKKA  
FLY!!









IRENE!!

TO

COULDN'T  
THEY AT LEAST  
PUT SOME  
GAS IN...

WELL,  
CRAP...  
...  
MID...  
THEY'RE  
CHEAP...













I CAN'T  
SWAYE TO  
THE LEFT!!!



THERE  
WON'T  
BE A  
NINETY-  
EIGHTH!!

BUT...  
THIS IS  
THE END!!

HELGA...

IT'S  
GOING TO  
BE NINETY-  
SIX OUT OF  
NINETY-  
SEVEN...



WFTL...



UNDoubtedly  
I ALSO THOUGHT  
YOU A PATH TO  
ESCAPE.

THE KNIFE  
FIGHTING  
MANUAL SAYS  
WHEN YOU'VE  
CROSSED  
BLADES, WHAT  
MATTERS NEXT  
IS STRENGTH.





REPRODUCED  
BY PERMISSION  
OF VIZ MEDIA

THAT'S THE  
HANDICAP  
A FEMALE  
KNIFE-FIGHTER  
MUST FACE.



IF A BLADE  
ENTERS  
THERE, IT IS  
ONLY EIGHT  
CENTIMETERS  
TO THE  
HEART.

SIX RIBS  
FROM THE  
TOP... IS THE  
LOWER SIDE  
OF THE LEFT  
MAMMARY  
GLAND.

I'M  
DEAD...



I'LL MAKE  
SURE YOU  
DON'T FEEL  
A THING.

DON'T  
YOU  
WORRY.



HAH!!



IF YOU THRUST  
VERTICALLY DOWN  
BETWEEN THE  
NECK AND THE  
LEFT COLLARBONE,  
IT'S THIRTY  
CENTIMETERS  
TO THE HEART...

ANOTHER  
GUARANTEED  
FATAL WOUND  
IN A KNIFE  
FIGHT.







I LEFT  
THEM IN  
MAMA'S  
CARE!

YOU  
SAVED  
ME!!  
THANK  
YOU.

THE  
CHILDREN?



HAND OVER  
THAT GUN  
RIGHT  
NOW!!

QUIT ACTING  
TOO BIG  
FOR YOUR  
BITCHINESS!!

YOU'VE  
BEEN  
USEFUL  
SINCE  
YOU WERE  
LITTLE!



IF YOU HAVE  
TO ATTACK  
A HEAVILY  
ARMED  
FORTIFICATION,  
ENTER  
UNARMED.  
USE YOUR  
ENEMY'S  
WEAPONS  
AND ATTACK  
FROM WITHIN.

IT'S A  
TECHNIQUE  
I LEARNED  
FROM YOU.



AN  
"INSIDE  
JOB." HAH.  
HEHEHE...  
SHEESH.



USING A  
TROIJAN HORSE  
IS THE OLDEST  
TACTIC IN THE  
BOOK.

ALSO  
CALLED...  
A TROJ  
OPERATION...



WHILE IN THE  
PROCESS OF  
DESTROYING  
THE CENTER,  
TARGET THE  
EYES AND  
BREAK  
THROUGH.



I HEARD  
YOU SHOWED  
YOURSELF BACK  
NAKED AT THE  
ENTRY GATE.

SO YOU  
TURNED  
YOURSELVES  
INTO THE  
TROIJAN  
HORSE.

KU  
KU  
KUL...



BUT...



MY-MIST  
ARE YOU  
SAYING...  
DUNNY.



I WAS...  
WAS WEARING  
PETTICOATS.

TH-  
THAT WAS  
PELA. SHE  
W- WASNT  
HUNG GONE  
TOO FAR...







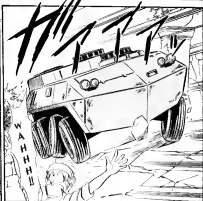
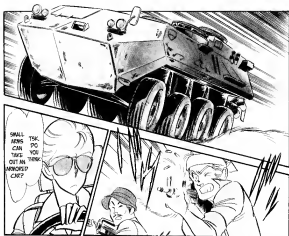


THERE...  
OUR ONLY  
CHANCE IS  
TO BREAK  
THROUGH  
THE FRONT  
IN THIS  
ARMORED  
CAR...











PELAN!

THERE'S A  
ROAD TO THE  
RIGHT THAT  
LEADS TO  
THE RIVER.



EXACTLY.

I GET IT...  
THIS IS AN  
AMPHIBIOUS  
VEHICLE. WE  
CAN CROSS  
THE RIVER.



THERE'S  
A TANK  
SECURING  
THE MAIN  
GATE...THE  
SURROUNDING  
FOREST IS  
FILLED WITH  
LAND MINES.



EH?

WHY...  
DIDN'T YOU  
KILL HIM  
INSTANTLY?



.....  
.....  
.....



IT'S TRUE  
GIMNOV WAS OUR  
INSTRUCTOR IN  
THE MERCENARY  
TRAINING  
YARD... BUT



HE WASN'T  
THE ONE THAT  
KILLED EITHER  
THE MOTHER  
OR THE  
FATHER...

HE'S NO  
LONGER OUR  
INSTRAC-  
TOR... NOR  
ANYTHING  
ELSE.



HE'S THE ONE  
THAT BACKED THE  
COMMISSIONER'S  
DAUGHTER TO  
PEACE.



HE...



HE NEVER  
COULD HAVE  
BUTCHERED  
THEM SO.

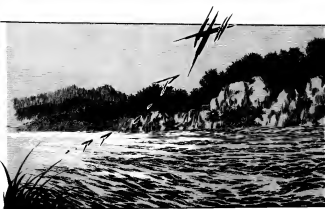


THAT  
WALL... WAS  
KIND TO  
US.



DO YOU SEE  
ANYWHERE WE  
CAN CROSS?

WE'RE  
AT THE  
REVER!



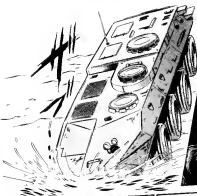
THIS THING  
CAN ONLY  
MOVE FIVE  
KNOTS.



IT COULD  
BE AS MUCH  
AS EIGHT  
KNOTS.

THE CURRENT...  
SEEMS  
A BIT  
RAPID.





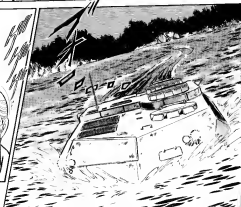
OUR PURSUERS  
ARE HERE. WE'VE  
GOT NO TIME TO  
DRAVLE. LET'S  
ENTER AND HEAD  
DOWNSTREAM.



SWITCHING  
TO AQUATIC  
MODE!!



WE- WE'RE  
MOVING  
FIFTY  
FAST...





K  
Y  
A  
H  
H

BUT...IT'S OKAY...  
IT'S NIGHTTIME...  
THEY WON'T BE  
ABLE TO HIT US  
AT THIS SPEED.

THEY  
JUST  
DON'T  
KNOW  
WHEN  
TO  
QUIT.



THERE'RE  
JUST TOO MANY  
SPIES IN THE  
ARMY AND THE  
POLICE. THAT  
WOULDN'T  
FLY IN THIS  
COUNTRY.

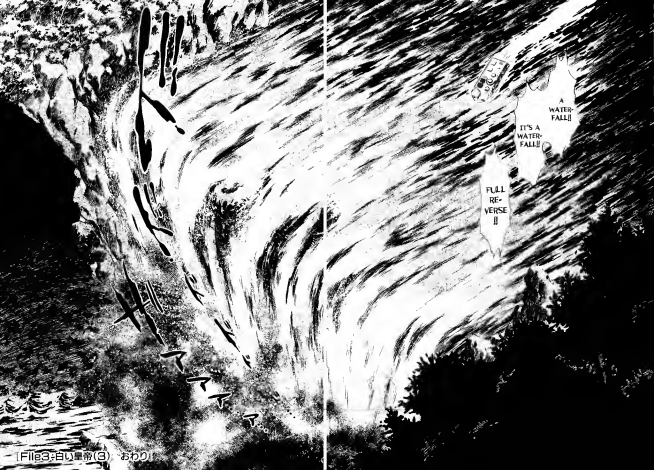
IT WOULD HAVE  
BEEN SO MUCH  
EASIER IF LIN AND  
THE OTHERS COULD  
HAVE USED AN ARMY  
CHOPPER FROM  
THE START...



TELL  
THEM TO  
MEET  
US...

LET LIN AND  
THE OTHERS  
KNOW WE'VE  
ESCAPED!





A  
WATER-  
FALL!!

IT'S A  
WATER-  
FALL!!

FULL  
RE-  
VERSE  
!!





THERE'S  
A TWO-  
HUNDRED  
OZLAI WATER  
NATURAL  
RIGGS

FULL  
RE-  
VERSE  
IT

# 砂の薔薇

デザート・コース





I GUESS  
THIS IS  
ALL SHE  
WROTE...







GRAB THE  
KIDS AND  
HOLD ON TO  
SOMETHING!!





I SAW A POLTERGEIST  
FRONTLY IN  
FRONT OF US.  
IN A LAST  
DITCH  
EFFORT...  
I DIED  
FOR IT.

...WE'VE  
STOPPED...  
MOM...?

HURRY!

WE NEED  
TO ESCAPE  
AT ONCE!





KY  
AH  
HI!



SHOOT  
FOR THE  
FAR  
SHORE.

REMOVE  
THE FUSE  
FROM THE  
ROCKET  
LAUNCHER  
AND  
ATTACH  
A ROPE!!

JES-  
SICA!!

ROGEE



WE'VE  
GOT NO  
TIME TO  
DANGLE.  
THERE'S  
NO WAY TO  
CONFIRM  
HOW BIG THIS  
BOULDER IS...



THE FIRE  
SHOCK IS  
SEVENTY-FIVE  
METERS.

DON'T  
EXPECT  
TOO MUCH.



JES-  
SICA!!









HER HAIR... IT'S  
A GOOD  
CHANCE TO  
WASH MY  
FACE.



.....  
.....  
.....

GOODBYE

I'LL  
KILL HER  
MYSELF...

TH-THAT  
GIRL!



THIS  
COULD  
GET  
DANGE-  
ROUS  
FOR  
EVEN  
HER

IF I  
DON'T  
HURRY

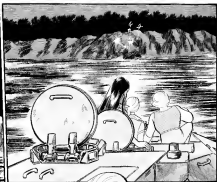


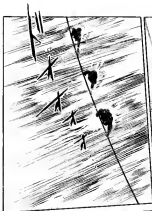
HANG IN THERE, DICKHEAD!



HURRY!  
HURRY!  
HURRY!







I'LL LET  
GO OF THE  
ROPE IN THE  
CURRENT...

I.I  
CAN'T...



EMP?

IT'S  
OKAY.  
DON'T  
WORRY.





AND THEY'LL  
PULL YOU  
ACROSS.

I'LL ATTACH  
THE FIRST  
ROPE WE  
SHOT OVER



WELL...  
THAT'LL  
WORK,  
WOULDN'T IT?



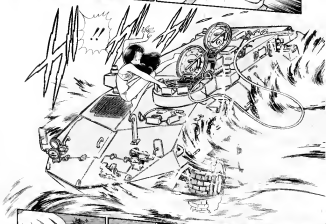






















I'M  
SURE THEY  
DEFERRED  
COLONIAL  
OR CHARTER  
FLIGHTS.

AS SOON  
AS THEY  
GOT WORD  
OF THE  
ESCAPE,



WE'LL TURN THESE  
KIDS OVER TO THE  
KING ISIP CROWN SO  
THEY CAN GET BACK  
TO THEIR HOME  
COUNTRIES.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
THEIR  
PARENTS?



SHE  
COLLAPSED  
AS SOON AS  
SHE CAME  
ABOARD THE  
CHRYSLER...

HOW IS  
JESSE?



SHE FELT  
RESPONSIBLE  
SO SHE FORCED  
HERSELF TO  
BE STRONG...



NOT  
HER USUAL  
PENG-MOR.



UN-  
WELL...

I  
KNOW.

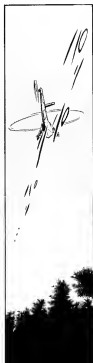


LIN  
AND I  
WENT.

OH...  
YES

WHAT  
ABOUT THAT  
JOB I ASKED  
YOU TO TAKE  
CARE OF?

COL-  
LEEN



WE SAW IT  
HAD EXPLODED  
BEAUTIFULLY  
AND BURNED  
ALL AROUND  
AT LEAST TWO  
KILOMETERS.

SOMEONE  
PLANTED  
EXPLOSIVES  
ALL AROUND  
THE PLACE  
WHERE THEY  
COLLECT AND  
KEEPING THE  
COCAINE.



I WONDER IF  
ANOTHER OF OUR  
GROUPS IS ALSO  
ATTACKING THE  
COCAINE MAPA.

MARK







HIS  
DOPEGUNS  
ARE FLYING  
ECONOMY  
CLASS.



IS HE  
GONNA  
DOWN... OR  
IS HE JUST  
CHEAP?



TRUE

IT ALSO  
MEANS HE  
MAYBE  
CAN'T  
HIDE HIS.

IF THEY  
CAN'T  
HIDE  
THESE  
WEAPONS  
WITH  
THEM.



WELL, AS LONG  
AS A TERRORIST  
ISN'T ON BOARD,  
A COMMERCIAL  
FLIGHT IS  
PRETTY SAFE.

THERE ARE  
DOZENS OF  
PEOPLE-CONCERN  
TO PREVENT  
COMMERCIAL  
WEAPONS  
LIKE GUNS,  
EXPLOSIVES,  
OR KNIVES  
FROM COMING  
ON BOARD.







THE CAT  
OPERATIONS  
CENTRE  
ACCEPTED  
THE  
MISSION.



I'M  
OPERATING  
UNDER ORDERS  
FROM THE  
CHIEFS OF  
THE FBI, THE  
CIA, AND THE  
JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT...  
AND THE  
PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED  
STATES.



NEED-  
LESS  
TO SAY...  
UNOFFI-  
CIAL.



SO...IT'S  
GOVERNMENT  
OPERSES?



! HE'S  
THE ONE WHO  
KIDNAPED THE  
COMMISSIONER'S  
WIFE AND  
DAUGHTER  
TO PIECES...



AND HE  
CONTROLS  
THE HERO-  
INE ROUTE  
IN THE  
MIDDLE  
EAST.



IMPOSABLE  
MURDER... THE  
SECOND MOST  
POWERFUL MAN  
IN THE COCAINE  
TRAFFIC OF SOUTH  
AMERICA...





NOT TO MENTION...  
HE COULD  
NEVER DO  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT

THE  
INSTRUCTOR  
DIDN'T MAKE  
A MISTAKE  
HE USES A  
KNIFE.



IT  
WASN'T IN-  
STRUCTOR  
GIVENOW?



THAT'S  
US...  
WEEK  
POINT.



GIVE  
ME THAT  
MAGAZINE,  
MELBA.



THIRTY MINUTES  
TILL LUNCHING...  
I NEED TO DO IT  
BEFORE THEY  
TURN UP THE  
LIGHTS.



I'LL LET  
YOU READ  
IT LATER  
AT YOUR  
LEISURE.



THE  
CON-  
TENTS  
IS SHIT,  
THOUGH.

THEY  
HAVE GOOD  
PAPER AND  
THE THICK-  
NESS IS  
HANDY.

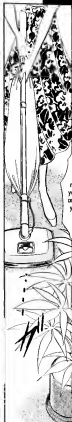
I BOUGHT  
TWO OR  
THREE OF  
THESE AT  
THE AIR-  
PORT  
SHOP.



OH, LET  
ME GET  
THAT FOR  
YOU.







This plane  
will soon be  
landing at  
London's  
Heathrow  
Airport

Please  
return to  
your seats  
and fasten  
your seat  
belts



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!  
-25161805-

THAT'S  
A WRAP.





YES...  
EVERY-  
ONE IS  
FINE.

UH-  
HAI...  
I'M...  
JUST  
DOING  
SOME  
CLEAN-  
ING.

MRL...  
CECIL...  
ARE YOU  
FEELING  
BETTER?

HELLO



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## 兵器のオンパレードが、アクションファンにはうれしい

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コミック「砂の薔薇」を一気に読んでみて第一印象は軍事専門家も納得いく内容だということと、作品の発表が約10年前の1989年という点に注目したい。

先ずは後者から検証してみよう。作品のテーマは、対テロリズム(暴力やその脅威を利用した反政府的暴力主義)である。隊長の真理子・ローズバンクは「C.A.T.」という特殊部隊の女傭兵だ。世界的にみても、傭兵の特殊部隊はあまり例がない。香港返還前のイギリス軍の「グルカ兵」ぐらいだったろうか(一部は返還後、本国に戻り、ユーゴへKFOR・コソボ平和維持部隊の一員として派遣されているのを確認している)。それはさておき、本作品が発表された後の出来事はざっと以下の通りだ。1991年1月の「湾岸戦争(砂漠の嵐作戦)」、勃発に始まり、同年12月の「ソ連邦解体」、1993年2月の「ニューヨーク・世界貿易センター爆破テロ事件」、近年では1996年6月「サウジアラビア米軍居住区爆破事件」、同年12月の「ケニア・タンザニア、アメリカ大使館爆破事件」に対して、同月アメリカ



カ軍がスーダンとアフガニスタンのテロ施設に合計79発のトマホーク巡航ミサイルで報復攻撃。そしてボスニア・ヘルツェゴビナ紛争が泥沼化した結果、1999年3月のNATO軍による「ユーゴ空爆」、さらに同年8月には中央アジア・キルギスで日本人技師らが誘拐されている。ソ連邦解体後は冷戦を終了させたが、逆に民族間紛争・内戦が後をたたない。また、アメリカの国務省から発表された危険なテロリスト組織は日本の二つを含み30もあるという。話は変わるが1997年8月、フランスでのダイアナ元イギリス皇太子妃の事故死の原因も釈然としない。スパイ陰謀説は未だに消えていないのだ。本作品はこの怒濤の10年間を予言したような印象を持ったのは筆者だけだろうか……。

さて、諸外国で対テロ部隊として代表的なものとして、アメリカ陸軍対テロ部隊「デルタ」や各州警察特殊部隊の「SWAT」、1980年5月「イラン大使館人質事件」で出動したイギリス陸軍特殊部隊「SAS」、1977年10月「ルフトハンザ機ハイジャック事件」で出動したドイツ国境警備隊第9対テロ部隊「GSG9 (G9)」、ロシア軍特殊任務部隊「スベツナズ」、フランス憲兵機動特殊部隊「GIGN」、スイス人質救出部隊「FLUSIP O」等がある。日本では1995年6月に起こった「函館空港全日空ハイジャック事件」で機内に突入、犯人を逮捕して、初めてその姿を我々の前に現せた警視庁機動隊対テロ部隊「SAT (特殊急襲部隊)」がある。現在SATは全国7都道府県にまたがり東京の警視庁に三つ、大阪府警に二つ、のほか合計10チーム、エリート中のエリート隊員約200名の規模で

あるという。1996年12月の「ペルー日本大使公邸人質事件」ではSATがドイツのGS G9に赴き、訓練と講義をも受けていたという。陸上自衛隊でも1999年末より、テロを予想した市街戦訓練を開始する予定だ。余談だが、「ペルー日本大使公邸人質事件」で1997年4月の突入した「チャピン・デ・ワンタル作戦」では、ペルー軍らしからぬ小火器（ペルギーFN社製P90アサルトライフル等）を持った特殊部隊兵も映像に映り、「すね傭兵部隊か」「他国の特殊部隊介入か」などと取り沙汰されていたが、未だにこの部隊の正体は不明のままだ。一説によるとSASも一部に参加していたとも噂されている。それこそ「砂の薔薇」のCATの仕業、と言いたいほどだ。



話を書き出しに戻して、筆者が提言した前者について述べてみたい。なぜに軍事専門家をも唸らすかというと、これは火器・装備のディテールがかなり正確であるということ。一般にコミックというとドラマ部分を重点に置いたためか、背景や小道具が簡素化される場合が多い。しかし、本作品は装備の描写が細かいのだ。例に挙げるとH&K MP5Kマシンガン、コルトXM177E2、M16A1アサルトライフル、コルトM1911A1、ベレッタM93R、50口径バレットM82A1スナイパーライフル、S&W M29マグナム、UZIマ

シガン、M72ロケットランチャー、M1130輸送機、R・W・ラブレスのナイフ、スイス製ピラーニャ（ピラニア）装甲車、そのピラーニャをアメリカ軍が改良したLAV軽装甲車などである。これらをただ模写するだけではなく、たとえば二つのマガジン（弾倉）をテープで巻いてダブルマガジン仕様にするなど、通な使い方をしているのが気に入る。まだまだ後続編も兵器のオンパレードだし、アクションファンにはうれしい描写である。

さて、本編で隊員たちの制止を振り切り、薔薇のマリーはM16A2アサルトライフルで4キロメートル先のテロリストを狙うシーンがある。実際、アメリカ陸軍はライフル競技の最大有効射程を600ヤード（約549メートル）までとしている。もちろん銃はスペシャルチューン仕上りだが、一切倍率があるスコープは使わずアイアンサイトのみて、コイン大のターゲットを狙う。それだけでも超人並みの腕（視力）の持ち主だ。549メートル離れた所からコインを見てもえれば分かるはず。銃メーカーも800メートルまでしかサイト調整はなく、旧型のM16A1に至っては有効射程距離は400メートルまでしかサイト調整がなく、旧型のM16A1に至っては有効射程距離は400メートルまでとなっている。片や、50口径バレットM82A1スナイパーライフルの有効射程距離は5000～18000メートル。角度を付けた最大射程距離となればその数倍は理論的に飛翔することであろう。しかし、4キロメートルとは両者共かなり絶望的な条件といえる。しかし、そこはコミック、あくまでもエンターテイメントとして楽しめばよく、無理を承知で描く作者には、逆に称賛を与え

たいほどだ。軍事知識を持った上で、極限状態を想定するほど楽しいものはないのだ。

本作品は一般青年誌「アニマルハウス」「ヤングアニマル」に連載されたものだが、マニアの目から見ても納得のいくアクションシーンの連続であり、筆者も手に汗を握ってしまつたほど。ぜひアクションファンの友人にも薦めてはいかがであらうか。

エレファントマン・ライブ  
全1巻

探偵ゲーム 全1巻

月と博士 全1巻

闇月王 全1巻

水の片鱗 全1巻

佐々木倫子  
動物のお医者さん  
全8巻

清水瑠子  
月の子 MOON CHILD 全8巻

しりあがり寿  
エレキな春 全1巻  
おらあロココだ! 全1巻

新谷かおる  
あか あお  
紅たん碧たん 全1巻  
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1・2巻

竹宮恵子  
風と木の詩 全10巻

なかじ有紀  
小山荘のきらわれ者  
全4巻

成田美名子 メロイ  
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空の食欲魔人 全1巻  
甲子園の空に笑え! 全1巻

美貌の果実 全1巻  
本日のお言葉 全1巻

このエス  
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アワー 全6巻

柴門ふみ  
さくらんぼ爆弾 全1巻

酒井美羽  
結婚を2倍  
楽しむ方法 全1巻

ミス・テレフォン  
ミセス・テレフォン 全1巻

できちゃった 全1巻

お坊っチャマ  
ナイスですね 全1巻

BAD GIRL 全1巻  
夢見るサーティイ 全1巻

坂田靖子  
バジル氏の  
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